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## IN THE CLAIMS

## 1-21. (Cancelled)

- 22. (Currently Amended) A synthetic resin pallet, for use with a fork lift, having upper and lower decks spaced apart by a plurality of supports to define therebetween fork-receiving regions beneath the upper deck, the pallet made by a method comprising:
  - (a) separately molding the upper and lower decks of synthetic resin;
- (b) mechanically scuffing a top surface of the upper deck, a bottom surface of the lower deck, and an underside of the upper deck in the fork-receiving regions to create scuffs forming a slip-resistant scuffed texture thereon; and
  - (c) assembling the decks to form a finished pallet.
- 23. (Previously Presented) The pallet according to claim 22 wherein scuffing comprises scuffing said surfaces to create a multi-directional scuffing pattern.
- 24. (Previously Presented) The pallet according to claim 22 wherein scuffing comprises brushing said surfaces with at least one wire brush.
- 25. (Previously Presented) The pallet according to claim 22 wherein scuffing includes brushing said surfaces with at least one cup-shaped wire brush.
- 26. (Previously Presented) A plastic pallet adapted for use with a fork member of a lift device, the plastic pallet including a first deck and a second deck spaced apart from each other by a plurality of support members extending therebetween and defining fork-receiving regions, the pallet prepared by a method comprising:

providing the first deck and the second deck separately from each other; scuffing an outer surface of the first deck and an inner surface of the first deck in the fork-receiving regions to define a plurality of slip-resistance scuffed surfaces; and assembling the first deck and the second deck to define the plastic pallet.